(b) and (c) No specific recommendations were made as the workshop aimed at creating awareness and providing information about various aspect of phasing out of Ozone Depleting Substances. Organising of such workshops has been a regular activity. So far, thirty awareness programmes have been organised in various parts of the country.

Expansion/Development of SSI in Rural Areas

4655. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for expansion and development of small scale industries in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals for the above purpose; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Promotion of Small Scale Industries (SSIs) has been one of the conscious policies of the Government. Special thrust is given for rural areas through the schemes like the Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID) Scheme, and the National Programme on Rural Industrialization (NPRI).

Steps to make Indian Space Programme Self-dependent

†4656. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Governmental and private users of the Indian satellites set up in space at present and the revenue earned by Government therefrom alongwith the details of the expenditure incurred on these satellites; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.